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WHY CALIFORNIA MUST ENACT A LAW AGAINST MASS PICKETING



Straddling the highway entrance to its Arvin acreage in Kern County, milling pickets converge en masse on the Di Giorgio Farms, 15 miles from Bakersfield (February 6, 1948)

During the 1947 regular session of Legislature, Senator Dilworth introduced a bill the purpose of which was to regulate mass picketing; and it read in part:

"Whenever a labor dispute as herein defined exists in a place of business, no person shall block or obstruct any entrance, exit or approach to any place of business in or upon any business place in a manner calculated or with the intent to prevent, hinder or interfere with the free passage therealong or thereto of any one person who is entering, occupying or leaving any place of business . . ."

The passage of this bill was stopped in the Assembly Committee after having passed through both the Senate Committee and the Senate as a whole.

Representatives of labor; both AFL and CIO, appeared before the Assembly Committee in opposition to this measure, advising the members that such a law was unnecessary as at no time did they intend to resort to the practice of mass picketing. The Assembly members of the Committee evidenced their belief in the sincerity of the protestations of the labor people by their action in refusing passage of this measure. Thus the farmers and

industry in the State of California lost the opportunity to gain adequate protection by law to carry on their business without interference of mob violence.

The pictures shown are another demonstration of the all too prevalent insincerity of labor leaders. Their whines and cries against regulatory laws as unnecessary are their method of getting away with their un-American activities to incite riot, coerce, and intimidate all who do not knuckle-under to their domination.

Mass picketing by unions is one of their most formidable weapons, and these pictures plainly show why.

To offset the organizational activities of the National Farm Labor Union, AFL, and the Food, Tobacco, Agricultural & Allied Workers' Union, CIO, to unionize all farm labor under a closed-shop, hiring-hall contract, the Associated Farmers of California intends, during the 1949 session, to bring before the Legislature the absolute necessity of an anti-mass picketing law so the farmers will have statute protection to grow, harvest, and market their crops without interference.

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UNITED STATES JUDGE RULES AGAINST UNIONS' ATTEMPTS TO THWART TAFT ACT

SECONDARY boycotts got slapped down and the Taft-Hartley Act was sustained in a Federal court decision rendered at Fresno on July 2.

Labor union attorneys had made a motion for dismissal of the National Labor Relations Board's petition for a temporary injunction restraining four unions from carrying on secondary boycotts in connection with the dispute involving the Di Giorgio farms in Kern County. United States Judge Peirson M. Hall rejected the motion. His ruling followed three days and nights of almost continuous argument. The injunction sought by NLRB was ordered.

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Senate Reapportionment Threat Emphasized

Before the Lakeport Rotary Club, on June 9, Executive Secretary Charles Gibbs presented the case against the initiative amendment for reapportionment of the State Senate. He appeared as the guest of Lloyd Hamilton, president of the Associated Farmers of Lake County, at its luncheon meeting.

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TYRANNY OF LABOR BOSSISM THREATENS AMERICA'S FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM

PREVAILING bad labor methods of coercing both labor membership and employers are undermining the American ideal of "government by laws and not by men," spreading false ideas of democracy and "the equally false ideology of 'economic planning' which have been foisted upon us."

As analyzed in an editorial in the *Los Angeles Examiner* of June 22, these conclusions were voiced by Donald R. Richberg, eminent lawyer, as a warning to Labor at the third National Conference on Citizenship held in Washington, D.C., under joint auspices of the National Education Association and the Department of Justice.

Threat to our competitive economy, "the only economic system in which labor can be free" is the result of several factors, according to his findings, which the *Examiner* observes as implying "a widespread loss of the sense of responsible citizenship":

Political blunders in labor legislation due to the willingness to truckle to the "labor vote" and "artful evasion of constitutional limitations upon their ('politicians' ") powers," conferring "a kind of privileged immunity upon arrogant labor bosses";

Efforts of labor leaders to exploit such advantage without regard for the problems of management and investors or for the rights of the public;

"Essential lawlessness of a large part of the 'new' judiciary inclining judges to 'sanctify unconstitutional laws which they personally approve or to nullify laws of which they disapprove.' "

Freedom of labor leaders and labor organizations from prosecution for monopolistic practices is stressed as the fundamental cause of this "baneful situation."

"The recklessness with which the entire public interest has been sacrificed, even in time of war," the editorial quotes Richberg, "to advance the private interests of well-organized minorities has made it plain that the dominance of the general welfare MUST BE REESTABLISHED BY LAW."

Workers who shirk citizenship responsibilities indicate that "they are willing to become serfs in a modern feudalism," Richberg declared.

Add San Bernardino County

San Bernardino, the Southland's newest Associated Farmer unit, with Norman Cooley as president and Paul Coram as secretary, is making excellent progress. Meetings of the directorate are being regularly held and are well attended.

Plans for expanded membership and future activity are being carefully laid. Currently the unit, though only three months old, reports 120 members.

FEDERAL COURT PROTECTS OUR FREEDOMS

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Without passing on the merits of the strike, the ruling was "against the use of force and coercion the unions allegedly used in supporting the nine-month-old strike." Picketing was not affected by the court order.

With the farm union, the unions named are all AFL affiliates: Teamsters' Locals 87 of Bakersfield and 848 of Los Angeles and Winery Local 45 of Fresno.

President H. L. Mitchell of the so-called National Farm Labor Union was quoted: "We'll fight the decision to the Supreme Court."

Taft Act Aims to Protect Free Speech, Rules Judge

Expressing what he believes to be the "fundamental concept" of the Taft-Hartley legislation, Judge Peirson declared it actually safeguards free speech in the sections which were questioned, instead of infringing that right, as union leaders have been vehemently proclaiming:

"Speech, press, religion, petition, and assembly are instruments of the human mind and spirit which are guaranteed by the Constitution in order that they may be used by the human mind and spirit to appeal to the intellect and spirit of other human beings to preserve these freedoms," the judge declared.

"Such freedoms do not include the use of force, whether direct or indirect, such as physical bodily harm, or tacit, such as threats either of immediate bodily harm or more subtle but effective and permanent harm to human beings through hunger, loss of jobs or the effective loss of the right to hold a job, or starvation to any other human being or those depending upon him."

Leaders of Associated Farmers deem this a heartening decision of major consequence—broadly against encroachments on fundamental rights whose concept and scope Judge Peirson so eloquently envisions in the quotation above; pointedly against threats to the normal functioning of the National Labor Relations Board in administering this act, which has become the established law of the land.

Term Two for Croddy

Reelection of W. T. ("Bill") Croddy as president featured the annual meeting of Orange County unit at Anaheim late in June. Joe Huarte of Anaheim and John McKittrick of Tustin were elected vice-presidents. Clem McCulloch of Placentia was renamed state delegate. George Graham continues as secretary-treasurer.

From the State office Charles Gibbs, Jack Rossi, and Clyde Simmons were in attendance.

Lodi Host to Farm Groups

Under sponsorship of the Lodi Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Agricultural Section of California State Chamber of Commerce, a largely attended dinner meeting of leaders of agriculture was held in Lodi on June 16.

Labor problems were high on the agenda of ensuing discussions.

Secretary Gibbs represented State office of Associated Farmers.

Burton A. Towne, Jr., president of the Lodi Chamber, wielded the gavel.

Reapportionment A Threat

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Gibbs delved into the political philosophy of Federal plan of representation through which the balanced Legislature as known in many states evolved: membership of one house being based on population while geographical districts are the basis of composition of the other. Citing historic precedent, he quoted from *The Great Compromise*, Carl Van Doren's recital of the working out, by checks and balances technique, of the protection of minorities through development of the Federal Plan of representation. The Rotarians were reminded that this dual basis of representation could be traced back to the final decisions of the constitutional convention that met at Independence Hall in Philadelphia in 1787 under chairmanship of George Washington and that divergences delayed ratification of the Constitution until November 19, 1789.

To stress the importance of guarding against big-city domination of both houses of the California Legislature, Gibbs showed how inadequately Agriculture—for all its predominating importance as basic resource of State wealth—was today represented in the Legislature and submitted this vocational breakdown of the memberships:

ASSEMBLY: 13 attorneys; 58 business men; 9 farmers.

SENATE: 14 attorneys; 3 real estate and insurance men; 10 merchants; 3 newspaper publishers, 2 retired; 8 farmers.

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Other glimpses of the "peaceful" picketing drama at Arvin on February 6, 1948 (Turn back to Page 1)

"The Love of Governing"

Tune in again on Henry J. Taylor, economist, journalist, presented by General Motors:

THESE are days when every man calls himself a "liberal." . . . Harold J. Laski, the British socialist . . . is a famous socialist and long a champion, as well, of Russian communism. Yet Professor Laski—a big booster for government controls, government bureaus, bureaucracy—calls himself a liberal. That's how far from realities the liberal label has swung.

The true liberal is a man who believes in freedom for *other* people. He does not believe in state management of people's workaday lives. If he did, he could not possibly qualify for any claim to the title.

To the true liberal, the purpose of government is unchangeable: to leave men free . . . When you think of socialism, think of the *force content* of the plan.

Henry G. Weaver, in his excellent book *Mainspring*, quotes Mr. Winston Churchill's observation about substituting socialism for "free enterprise, personal initiative and competitive selection." British socialism has, says Mr. Churchill, "broken the Mainspring, and thus . . . the watch does not go."

The results show in British living standards. Now this assassination of true liberalism is . . . the historic problem of *how free people can govern the government instead of having the government govern them*. For in a planned economy the government keeps you from doing what you plan to do.

Political Brains and Public Money

Over 200 years ago the great freedom-loving Frenchman Rousseau expressed this threat from governments against the freedom of the people, their jobs, their lives, their futures. Rousseau charged most governments with what he called "the love of governing."

To combat every government's love of governing remains today as concise an aim as may be stated by the true honest-to-goodness liberal. Political brains and public money are a powerful combination—more powerful today than ever before. Our problem, as a democracy, is to prevent this combination from becoming democracy's master—which means your master and mine.

. . . Ordinary folks are smothered by men in our own country who, like Harold Laski in England, urge bigger and bigger government and betray many signs of the love of governing, yet nevertheless call themselves liberals. When they attempt to "mastermind" this country or the universe, and plunk for powers, powers, powers, controls, controls, they simply, whether unwittingly or not, steal the liberal label and falsify the contents of the bottle.

Freedom of Opportunity Precious

In our country men and women are free to risk their savings and their time and to apply their efforts in any lawful venture, in the hope of being able to do a good job, of growing with an enterprise and of earning a reward commensurate with effort, risk and talent. Government planners have never found a substitute for this individual planning of us, the people as a whole.

All agriculture owes a debt of gratitude to the Di Giorgios, who have resolutely stood their ground against the harassments and threats of the "foreign" unionneers. Since October 1, 1947, the Arvin farms have truly been the battleground of the schemers who would nationally organize farm labor to the aggrandizement of their power—and purse.

Farmers the country across can well watch this situation and applaud the Di Giorgios in their costly fight to protect the American way of life for agriculture and, no less, for the rank and file of loyal workers on the farms of America.

. . . Why have we chosen free enterprise? Because we are a hardheaded, practical race. We have chosen the enterprise system as our way of life, not for sentimental reasons, but because it has created more and better things for more people in less time than any other.

. . . Any course other than that is not liberalism. It is reactionary, in the deepest and most profound sense. It represents too much of the love of governing—governing your life and mine, whatever we do, wherever we work, whatever we hope for.

TEN YEARS AGO— AND NOW!

3 Elements Dangerous to Our Way of Life

Reprinted from the bulletin to members dated July 23, 1938

THE COMMUNIST MENACE AND THE REMEDY

The great menace to our institutions does not necessarily lie in the Communist Party itself.

Many native Communists will not join the party because it will reveal just what they are doing "under cover."

This secret menace was recently exposed by Senator David L. Walsh, of Massachusetts, when he listed these "snipers" on our soil in the three following categories:

"1—Intellectuals—the most dangerous."

"2—Active party workers in the 1500 Communist centers, guiding 3000 newspapers and magazines, arranging mass meetings and receiving strategy from the intellectuals.

"3—The three to seven million persons on the border line, ready to swing into violence if given an impetus, and penetrating schools, colleges, labor societies, civic and fraternal units, business marts and youth centers.

"Their false philosophy is destroying the sanity of countless American youths in our colleges and universities and injuring their moral judgment."

It is the immense army of sappers and miners in categories 1 and 3 that no investigating committee can reach.

It is the "intellectuals" and these "three to seven million persons on the border line" who are "destroying the sanity of countless American youths in our colleges," as Senator Walsh says. . . .

The instant remedy for this deplorable state of affairs is education, education—and always more education—over the radio, in our newspapers and magazines, in our public halls and schools.

We must fight Communism—and all alien-derived, foreign isms—with the doctrines of AMERICANISM.

We must not "lay down" for a day!

ROLL CALL of OUR PRESIDENTS

"Chiefs of State"	Term	Home County
S. PARKER FRISSELLE	1934-1935	FRESNO
WALTER E. GARRISON	1936-1937	SAN JOAQUIN
HOLMES BISHOP	1938-1939	ORANGE
JOHN S. WATSON	1940	SONOMA
DON A. STEVNING	1941	RIVERSIDE
LLOYD W. FRICK	1942	KERN
E. STANLEY DALEY	1943	YOLO
RAY E. BADGER	1944-1945-1946	SAN DIEGO
ROBERT F. SCHMEISER	1947-1948	FRESNO

For the membership *The Associated Farmer* salutes them, one and all, for their great contributions to the cause and for the sacrifices of time and capital their successive leadership have involved.

Labor School Now Operating in L.A.

California Labor School, Los Angeles Division, is under way at 112 W. 9th St., having opened June 7.

A branch of the San Francisco school of the same name founded in 1942, the Los Angeles school has David Hedley, former secretary of CIO's Political Action Committee for California as its director; Julian Hicks is co-director.

Classes offered include such subjects as "Lessons for Today from Labor's History"; "Union Strategy in the Third Round"; "The Trusts Against the People in World Politics"; "The Negro People, the Labor Movement, and the 1948 Elections."

Among members of the Los Angeles Advisory Committee are Dr. Sanford Goldner, Dr. Murray Abowitz, Mrs. Charlotta Bass, the Rev. John J. Hucks, and Attorney Leo Gallagher.

This school has been the subject of strongly adverse comment by the Tenney Committee on Un-American Activities in reports issued by that body.

Americanism is not a negative, take-it-for-granted idea. It is a living, dynamic, vital doctrine.

We can only be saved by a continuous militant educational indoctrination of American principles.—(Editorial from San Francisco *Examiner*.)

Answer the Call of Citizenship

This presidential year, plus the time for decision on important measures on the State ballot, again demands exercise of a high duty and privilege and right: VOTING—for the candidates of your choice, for the measures you have decided to be worthy of your support and against the measures you have concluded to be unsound and ill advised. Casting the ballot is the very essence of democracy as free America knows it. (And what a contrast it is to certain countries where voting has become a mere formality and hollow pretense, with only a one-party vote to be cast.)

Last day to register for voting at the November election is September 23.

Don't forget: if you failed to vote in 1946 and since or if you have moved since you last voted, you must register anew to entitle you to vote.

To register one must be a citizen of 21 years of age and a resident one year in the State, 90 days in the county, and 30 days in the precinct.

Remind others in your family and remind your neighbor too.

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